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1. OUR TALKS WITH OTHER SC MEMBERS MARCH 14 ABOUT SOVIET REQUEST FOR SC CONSULTATIONS ON UNEF REVEAL FAIRLY GENERAL EXASPERATION AT SOVIET MOVE. MOST WESTERN SC DELS (BRITISH, AUSTRALIANS AND AUSTRIANS - BUT NOT FRENCH) HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO OPPOSE SOVIETS IF THEY PRESS SYG FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THAT ARE IRRELEVANT OR OUTSIDE SC AUTHORITY. MANY NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS HOLD SAME VIEW, BUT ARE LESS INCLINED TO TAKE SIDES IN WHAT THEY REGARD AS BASICALLY US-USSR DISPUTE. (EXCEPTIONS MAY BE THREE UNEF TROOPS CONTRIBUTORS ON COUNCIL - INDONESIA, PERU AND KENYA - WHO FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT PRESERVING SYG'S AUTHORITY IN DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF UNEF).
2. SOVIETS HAVE SEIZED UPON MARCH 7 REMARKS OF GEN SIILASVUO TO NEWSMEN THAT ABOUT 2000 OF UNEF'S 7000 TROOPS WERE IN BUFFER ZONE. AMB MALIK HAS BEEN ASKING SARCASTICALLY IF THAT IS NORMAL UN RATIO OF LINE TROOPS TO LOGISTICS AND RESERVES. USYG URQUHART TOLD AMB SCHAUFEL HE WAS FURIOUS AT SIILASVUO'S MISLEADING STATEMENT. AT NOON BRIEFING TODAY, UN SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT FOUR MORE BATTALIONS WERE SLATED TO JOIN SIX CONTINGENTS NOW IN BUFFER ZONE.

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